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## European Parliament Recognises Achievements of Georgian Dream Government

Last week, Members of the European Parliament approved the European Parliament's Report on the "implementation of the EU Association Agreement with Georgia", drafted by MEP Sven Mikser.

The report contained praise for the progress made by Georgian Dream in many key areas such as economic development, rule of law, and political dialogue. It highlighted the benefits and positive results of Georgian Dream's policies over recent years.

MEP Sven Mikser said: <u>"Georgia has carried out ambitious reforms and achieved a lot"</u>.

Josep Borell, EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy noted: <u>"Georgia demonstrates democratic strength [and] economic development".</u>

Other key quotes from the European Parliament's report:

- "Overall, the report presents a positive assessment of the implementation of the Association Agreement and progress in adoption of reforms and legislation. Acknowledges Georgia's progress with its reforms, which strengthen democracy, the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular the constitutional reforms carried out in 2018".
- "Important progress has also been made in consolidating Georgia's
  parliamentary democracy, following a constitutional reform and the
  agreement of the main political parties on 8 March 2020 regarding the
  electoral system to be applied in the parliamentary elections in 2020"
- "Underlines Georgia's role as a reliable partner of the EU and a significant contributor to the missions and operations of the common security and defence policy (CSDP) and NATO"
- "Commends the internationally-acclaimed response of the Georgian people and public authorities to the COVID-19 outbreak and highlights the effective preventive measures taken by medical workers and governmental authorities, which helped to reduce the burden on

Georgia's healthcare system and mitigate the negative effects on the economy"

This Report demonstrates the support of EU leaders for the pro-European decisions taken by Georgian Dream in recent years.

Georgian Dream remains fully committed to this pro-European path. Over the past eight years, the Georgian Dream party has moved Georgia closer to the EU than at any point in the history of Georgia.

The MEPs highlighted Europe's continued commitment to support the Georgian government and the Georgian people:

 "The EU remains Georgia's steadfast supporter in ensuring respect of its sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders and the fundamental rights of its people"

Foreign Affairs Minister David Zalkaliani <u>stated</u>: "I welcome the European Parliament Report on Georgia's Implementation of the Association Agreement. Grateful for the European Parliament's strong and steady support to Georgia's European integration, including through its various reports and resolutions"







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